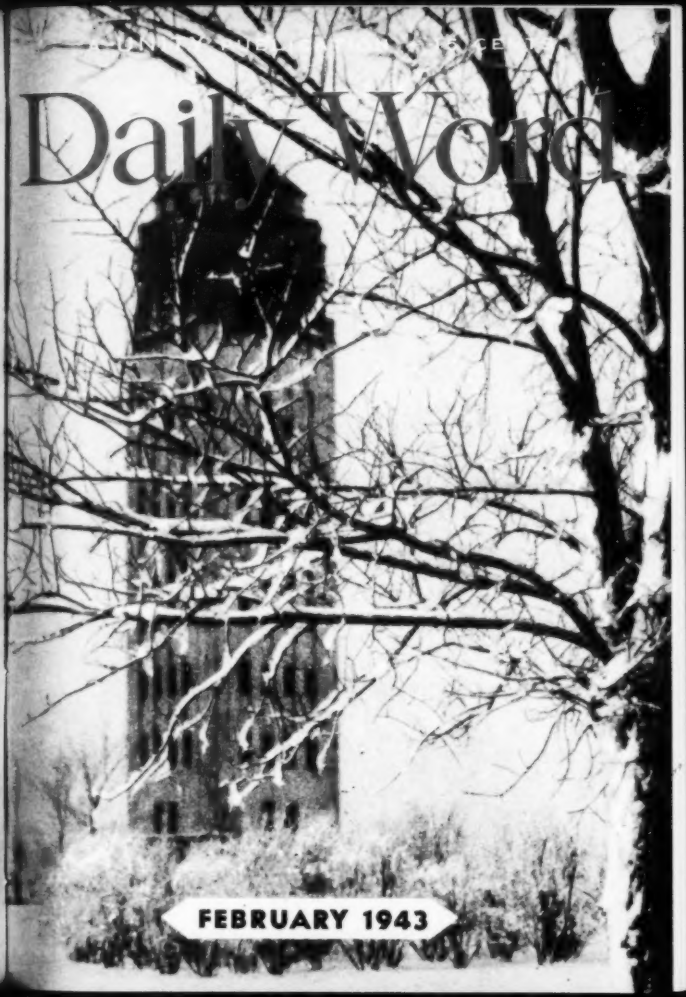
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# Class Thoughts

## *January 20 to February 19*

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Daily at 11 a. m. join us in this thought for spiritual illumination:

**I am renewed in the spirit of my mind, and my discernment is perfect.**

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At high noon each day concentrate your attention on this thought for prosperity:

**I no longer harbor financial worry. The free-flowing plenty of financial security fills my mind, and I am abundantly supplied with all good.**

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At 9 p. m. each night let us acknowledge the healing power of Spirit with this prayer:

**Forgetting the former ills and all their names, I press on to the high calling of health in Christ Jesus.**

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**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a speedy victory in this world conflict, to be followed by a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.**

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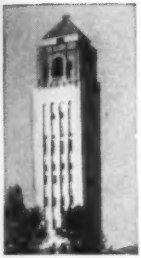

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Stately and tall, as pictured on the cover of DAILY WORD, the Unity Campanile or Prayer Tower directs the traveler to Unity Farm near Kansas City. Even so this little magazine daily directs your steps to the sun-tipped heights in whose glory you behold yourself as a son of God; for such you are.

## DAWN ALWAYS COMES

*Clara Bell Thurston*

The sun came up so quietly
  To meet the waiting dawn
I scarcely knew 'twas day again
  And all the night had gone.
So God's great love comes silently
  To meet our waiting prayer;
We lift our hearts to Him, and lo!
  We find Him waiting there.

Letters from men in service who are finding DAILY WORD an invaluable aid to them in military life convince us that it must continue going to every service man and woman who desires it. Toward this end we are entering a six-month subscription free to anyone in service whose name and address is sent us. This is made possible by a fund to which those who wish to help are contributing.

# *A Call to Prayer*

CHARLES FILLMORE

SILENT UNITY asks you to join a prayer league for victory, peace, and righteousness. In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus Christ cites a great conflict between the nations of the earth. "And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." By the "elect" He meant those who work with Him in His efforts to save the race from destruction. It is obvious that there is urgent need of divine aid in settling the present chaos in world affairs; hence those who have faith in the power of God and who know how to execute His will are called to unite in effective prayer. To this end we are making this special call for a united effort of the faithful in addition to the prayers they have already offered.

We call your attention to the repeated promises of Jesus Christ that He would be with those who call upon Him and that "nothing shall be impossible unto you."

We need His spiritual power in winning this war, and we can have it if we organize our prayers and unify our spiritual forces, thus creating a race thought through which He and His co-workers

can reach our temporal affairs. So we are asking the co-operation of all Christians and everybody everywhere to join us in this universal prayer for peace. We are spiritually organized for victory, and with the Lord Jesus as our leader we are invincible in our battle for the establishment of peace on earth.

We are asking those who read this to become one of the army of the righteous by joining daily with us in a prayer like this:

### *Daily Prayer*

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a speedy victory in this world conflict, to be followed by a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.**

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### Give Them Your Best

In a recent letter a young man in service said that he himself did not worry about his life in the army, but the letters from his wife and mother were so depressing that they disturbed and worried him very much. What kind of letters are you writing to your dear ones in the service? Besides our wholehearted prayers, it is highly important that in our letters and in our visits we should share with our dear ones only those things which make them feel satisfied and at peace as regards ourselves and things at home.

# *My Path Is Safe*

FRANCIS J. GABLE

My path is safe. The loving thought of God
  Directs my way and keeps my vision clear.
It leads my steps on highways smooth and broad;
  It cleanses me from every lurking fear.

My path is safe. Though dangers fierce assail,
  I meet them with a free, courageous mind,
Secure in God, whose power will prevail
  As long as I put every doubt behind.

My path is safe. Though enemies abound,
  Though myriad terrors lie along my way,
In God alone is sure protection found;
  His strength my strength; His might my guide
    and stay.

My path is safe. With Him my spirit blends,
  With Him I merge my thought, my word, my
    deed.
Almightiness protects, sustains, defends;
  I thank Thee, God; I go where thou dost lead.

# *Five Good Reasons for Praying*

CLEDA REYNER

IT MAY not seem necessary to outline reasons for an exercise that is already admittedly good, but this is a day and an age when the utility of many things is being tested; and prayer is much more than a luxury of the soul, or a duty. It has a practical value that places it first on any list of daily necessities. If we will give it the attention it merits it will reward us in amazing ways.

*Prayer is a time saver.*

This is important to the majority of us. The days are never long enough to accomplish all that we want and need to do. We hurry through the hours, doing the things that seem most urgent, and we postpone prayer, the very thing that would reveal quicker and easier methods of handling our work.

There is the right way, the orderly, efficient, perfect way of doing all things. Prayer makes that way plain; as it once did for a woman who felt that she must go to a neighbor to mend a disruption of friendly relations between her own and the neighbor's children. But she prayed about it until her own thoughts were clear, and she knew it was something that could best be settled by the children themselves. Her noninterference proved

to be wise and very beneficial to the children.

Then there was a young man who found that he spent much time doing his work first one way and then another in order to suit the divided opinions of his partner employers. He prayed about it, and found a way of doing it in a manner that pleased them both.

A prayerless day is an uncharted day, and time and labor are consumed in discouraging quantities. Even as it is a physical fact that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points, so is it a spiritual fact that prayer is the shortest distance between the beginning and end of all endeavor.

*Prayer is a unifying power.*

Who of us does not feel the need of greater unification with people every day of his life? No one lives unto himself. Therefore harmony with tradesmen, neighbors, co-workers, and members of our family is vital to our happiness and well-being.

Understanding of people is necessary to harmony with them, and prayer reveals all of them as children of God with good intentions and purposes back of what they do and say. When we see them so we are tolerant of shortcomings and understanding as regards mistakes. For this we are loved, and the love of people greatly accelerates

our happiness and the inflow of our blessings.

*Prayer is a self-developer.*

Too much of the time we ride in the carriage of other people's thoughts, act upon their convictions, measure life by their opinions. There are teachers and authors and books galore; there are people who are ever willing to advise and to guide. Moreover many of these are exceedingly good and competent. But living is a constant exercise, and these outside sources of help are not found everywhere nor are they instantly available.

In a single day there are countless calls upon our initiative, our judgment, our ability to act. Disappointment, perplexity, fright, and inadequacy are sensations known to all of us who have overlooked the source of wisdom and guidance within ourselves. By prayer alone can we acquire the personal knowledge of the secrets of life that will permit us to become masters of circumstances whenever and wherever they occur.

*Prayer is the best method of helping others.*

Other people play a tremendous part in our life, for so much of our love, consideration, thought, and effort is directed toward them. Without the secrets that prayer reveals to our heart and our mind concerning them, we are doomed to a burdensome amount of worry and concern. To

help others live happily is a goal that we set before our own happiness at times. Yet our efforts to help them are often of an unrelished variety.

Whereas an act or a word or a deed is often clumsy and very often unwelcome, a prayer is always welcome. No one ever opposes its presence or resists its benediction, however resistant he may be to words of advice and direction and outer aid. True prayer has in it all the grace and love of Jesus Christ. It never uses coercion or even persuasion. It is a ray of light, and it reveals to another the way of his own good, the good that is peculiarly his own.

*Prayer is the key to efficient living.*

If our mental and spiritual forces were something that could be seen we should probably experience some surprise at their lack of co-ordination. There really is not anything impossible to us, since we are children of God, inheritors of His wisdom, love, power, and all other divine qualities. But these spiritual tools that God has given us for the purpose of creating a good and happy life need to be co-ordinated for this definite purpose.

An educator once said that too many young people study at random, with no particular purpose or plan in view. Random thinking and living have as negligible a result. To shape successfully

the kind of life that is worthy of us as children of God, we need to work as a unit of co-ordinated faculties toward that end. By praying often and much we shall keep ourselves reminded of our goal and consecrated to its attainment.

These five reasons for praying can be added to indefinitely, and its benefits can be sung forever. Prayer is a luxury, prayer is a duty, though a joyful one; but prayer most of all is a necessity to everyone who has not learned all there is to know about happiness and peace, harmony and the abundant life.

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## *The Happy Heart*

MARJORIE HUNT PETTIT

The new day breaks with a promise
of wonderful things to be,
And my heart is gay
In a calm, sweet way,
For God's love is guiding me.

The old day fades with a whisper
of better things yet to be,
And my heart's at rest,
For I've done my best,
And God's love is blessing me.

# *Monday* FEBRUARY 1

## ALL KNOWLEDGE IS MINE, BECAUSE I HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

WITHIN me is the One, who reveals to me all knowledge. The One is the Christ. No matter what I need to know, no matter how puzzling something may seem to me, the Christ in me knows the right answer.

When I become still and ask for divine guidance and earnestly listen for the still, small voice, I am always directed aright. I know the right step to take, the right thing to do. I am blessed with the knowledge that continually leads me forward and upward.

When I follow the inspiration of the Christ mind, my way is easy, plain, joyous, and successful. My soul is flooded with a light that makes it strong, courageous, fearless, and free. All thought of confusion, past failure, bondage, and human weakness is lost in the powerful knowledge that is mine in Christ, the knowledge that I am a son of the Most High, filled with divine wisdom, and constantly guided to my own place in the universal scheme of things.

♣ *One that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.*—JOB 36:4.

# Tuesday

## I AM FILLED WITH DIVINE COURAGE BECAUSE GOD IS EVER WITH ME.

IF YOU would remain calm and unaffected by the state of things as they seem to be at present, you must remember that God is a very present help in time of trouble, and that He is always with those who turn to Him in faith and prayer. Even in a chaotic world God is "the same yesterday and to-day, *yea* and for ever."

Let your heart take courage in the knowledge that God is with you now, that nothing that is inharmonious with His nature can come to you. Abide in this knowledge until the realization of it floods your whole being, and then send it out into the world to bless those who need to feel His protecting, sustaining presence.

God is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent. You are the channel through which His wisdom, His power, and His loving presence are revealed to the world. Keep the channel of your being free and unobstructed so that God may express His courage, strength, and glory through you.

♣ *Thou, O* LORD, art *a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.*—PSALMS 3:3 (A. V.).

# *Wednesday*



## MY BODY IS PURE AND HOLY BECAUSE IT IS THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD.

GOD HAS chosen my body to be His holy temple. "Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own." As God's temple my body is pure, free, and perfect. It could not be otherwise, for God could not dwell in an unclean temple.

From this day forward I shall think of my body as the habitation of the Almighty. No thought of disease, inharmony, impurity, or imperfection shall enter my mind. Purity and wholeness of mind will keep my body whole and pure.

As the temple of the Most High my body is a place of loveliness and beauty, a place of vibrant activity and continuous renewal. It performs in divine order and harmony all the righteous functions for which it was created. It is ever obedient to the Spirit of God indwelling in it, and it manifests only His perfection. It is ageless, deathless, immortal, a living testimony to God's power and glory.

♣ *The* LORD is *in his holy temple.*—PSALMS 11:4 (A. V.).

## I AM ETERNALLY SECURE IN THE TRUTH OF SPIRIT.

THE PURPOSE of affirming Truth is to get a conviction of it, to "make firm" true ideas in the mind. It is not enough to learn Truth intellectually. It is one thing to tell ourselves that we are spiritually secure, and another thing to realize our security.

If we are to have a strong, vital, positive consciousness, we must be careful what we admit into it. Every negative thought should be dispelled immediately with strong, positive statements that remind us of our relationship to the Father. The quick realization that "I am a son of the Most High" will put to rout every thought of fear, sin, suffering, danger, and death.

A son of the Most High is fearless, sinless, whole, free, secure, and eternal. When you affirm Truth, you are reminding your consciousness of what you are in Spirit. Constantly declare the Truth about yourself and your world. Believe in what you affirm, act upon it, and you will be spiritually secure no matter where you are.

♣ *Let . . . thy truth continually preserve me.*—PSALMS 40:11.

# *This Is My Day*

R. H. GRENVILLE

*This is the day which Jehovah hath made;*
*We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

TODAY is my day, which I have received from the Father, and I will be glad in it. I rejoice in the knowledge that this day comes to me perfect, that there is love to be expressed in it, faith to be quickened by it, opportunity to be received through it.

Today is an open door to good. It is like no other day that has gone before. It is like no day that is to come. I can make of this day whatever I will. By the light of divine understanding I can flood it with sunshine. By the spirit of joy that is innate in me I can fill it with laughter and happiness. Through love I can make it beautiful. Through faith and constructive effort I can make it successful.

Thank You, Father, for this day which is to mean so much. My hand is in Thy hand, mine eyes are uplifted, my heart is glad and confident. Today my good is assured.

# Friday

## MY FATHER-GOD HAS PREPARED ALL GOOD FOR ME, AND NOTHING CAN KEEP MY OWN FROM ME.

WHAT A blessing it is to know that no person, thing, or circumstance can keep my good away from me! What God has prepared for me is mine. No one else desires or could use what is mine by divine right any more than I can desire or use what belongs to another.

My loving Father-God has created plenty for all His children. There is plenty of life, plenty of happiness, plenty of supply for everyone who will claim his inheritance. "All things whatsoever the Father hath" are mine for the taking.

Realizing that I cannot escape my good, that it is here now ready and waiting for me, I seek the guidance and help of the Father in obtaining that which He would give me so gladly and graciously. As soon as I have learned how to accept all that He is so willing to give, I shall come into the fullness of my good, my divine inheritance of peace, joy, health, love, wisdom, and abundance. I thank God for the good He has prepared for me.

• *All that which the Father giveth me shall come unto me.*—JOHN 6:37.

## THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST FILLS MY HOME AND BLESSES EVERYONE WHO ENTERS HERE.

JESUS CHRIST is the head of my home. He is the only presence and power here. He abides eternally in the heart of every member of my family, and blesses everyone who enters my door.

The Christ presence, dwelling in my home and abiding in the heart of each one here, is protection against disease, accident, inharmony, or want. His presence, permeating my home, is the very presence of life, joy, safety, love, and wealth. My home is a haven of peace and contentment for me and my loved ones.

No unhappy thought or word is released in my home. No unkind act is ever done. Only gladness, kindness, co-operation, and service reign here. Only good abides and blesses us.

Every day I hallow my home by establishing within it the living presence of Christ. Every day I bid Him welcome, and open the doors of my heart and home to Him. Every day I praise Him for His loving, watchful, helpful presence with me and my dear ones.

♣ *We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house.* —PSALMS 65:4.

## I ACCEPT MY SALVATION IN CHRIST AND REJOICE IN IT.

SALVATION is a process of change that includes the whole man: spirit, soul, and body. In His work of saving and regenerating people Jesus Christ gave attention to every phase of being. He healed the sick, comforted the weary, gave courage to the lonely and disheartened, fed the hungry, and raised the dead.

Jesus Christ is our way shower in the matter of salvation. In our desire for oneness with our Creator, for soul satisfaction and perfection, we must give attention to our threefold nature. We must be wholly redeemed and transformed if we are to "put . . . on the . . . Christ" and express our innate Godlikeness. Our mind and body must be "saved" and resurrected along with our soul, if we are to enjoy true salvation. Such a heavenly state is possible to everyone who will accept it. "I bring near my righteousness, it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry." Our salvation is at hand. Let us rejoice in it and behold the reformation of mind, heart, body, and affairs.

• *I will rejoice in thy salvation.*—PSALMS 9:14.

## GOD INSPIRES MY EVERY THOUGHT AND DIRECTS ME IN ALL THAT I SAY.

TODAY I will dedicate every thought and word to God. His Spirit of love, wisdom, compassion, tolerance, understanding, will be my inspiration and guide. I will withhold all criticism, anger, condemnation, and gossip, and "judge righteous judgment."

Realizing that recurrent thoughts determine my habitual state of mind and that my state of mind becomes an affirmation, determining the degree of good I manifest, I endeavor to think only thoughts of life, joy, peace, order, and abundance. Desiring to behold only the Christ Spirit in all men, I endeavor to think only the good thoughts and speak only the good words that will inspire them to express their highest self.

Today I consecrate my mind to God and invite into it only heavenly thoughts. I shall think of God before every word I utter, and seek His approval before it passes my lips.

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation*
*of my heart*
*Be acceptable in thy sight.*

—PSALMS 19:14.

# *Never Grow Old*

DR. G. LEROY DALE

IF YOU have any tendency whatsoever to think of yourself as growing old or less able to live a full life, make it a practice to speak an affirmation like the following every day and constantly to direct your mind toward new, strengthening, enlightening ideas and habits of thought: *I never grow old, because I keep my thoughts on new ideas.*

A foolish habit is trying to remember things of the past that seemed so enjoyable. The mortal side of man's nature, dissatisfied with present conditions, may seek comfort through dwelling on past achievements or joys. The same energy applied to the solution of present-day problems will bring more gratifying results.

Have you felt that life is slipping away and that old age is creeping up on you? Have you felt that each day brings you nearer the end? If so, you need to learn that you live in life eternal here and now, and there is never any end to it. All the life you will ever have is in you; it is the very life of God. But the way you think about it will determine whether you feel old or young.

Speak to your soul many times daily words that represent ever-renewing youthful life! Follow the

instructions of Jesus regarding prayer. Become quiet, stop using the physical senses, center your thought in your inner spiritual consciousness.

Speak with emphasis to the God within you: *Thy mighty action, O God, dissolves all negative thoughts and effects in my soul and body. Thou art my ever-renewing life. Thy mighty love and intelligence permeate every cell of my being, and I feel and act alive. My youth is renewed through Thee, and from Thee flow new ideas of life that I use every day. Through Thee I am eternally young, vigorous, strong, free, and whole.*

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## *Be Comforted, My Friend*

The dear one that you loved so well
May not appear to sight;
Yet you may know someway, somehow,
He's following his light.
You may not hear, you may not see him
Just as yesterday;
Yet he may still be right at hand
To brush your tears away.
This dear one lives in God, 'tis true;
So if you Godward gaze,
You'll find in God your loved one lives,
And joy will fill your days.

—*Frank B. Whitney.*

## GOD IS MY REFUGE AND MY STRENGTH.

HAVE YOU not often wished that you had some place of refuge to which you could go to find peace and quiet, some sanctuary to which you could retreat when things of the world seem to oppress and burden you?

The Psalmist knew God as a place of refuge and strength, a habitation of peace and victory. We too must come to know God as our refuge, not only in time of trouble but also when our life is calm and unruffled, if we are to enjoy the fullness of our good.

In the sanctuary of God in our own soul we can always find strength, courage, renewal, and victory over every obstacle that life may present. Let us now turn to God as our refuge and abide in Him. He will remove all heaviness from our heart, all doubt and darkness from our mind, and fill our soul with the light of His encouraging, companionable presence. His eternal blessing of peace and assurance will be ours when we acknowledge Him as our only refuge and help.

♣ *Blessed are all they that take refuge in him.*—PSALMS 2:12.

## THE CHRIST IN ME IS ADAPTABLE TO ALL PERSONS AND ALL SITUATIONS.

THE INDIVIDUAL who cannot adapt himself to other persons or to life's experiences has not learned to express his Christ nature. The Christ nature is adaptable to all situations, and it recognizes the Christ self in other persons. The Christ self is wise, tolerant, loving, understanding, flexible, and sympathetic yet at the same time strong and masterful.

Your experiences, regardless of what they may be, are not unique. Similar experiences have come to many others and have been mastered by them. It is only when you do not feel your oneness with mankind that you become unadaptable. When you recognize your unity in Christ with all other children of God, you begin to look for likenesses rather than differences. Then you enter into a universal consciousness wherein you can meet and adapt yourself to persons, situations, and experiences with joy and success. This is divine adjustment through spiritual agreement, and it brings you peace and happiness wherever you are.

♣ *Agree with thine adversary quickly.*—MATT. 5:25.

## I REJOICE IN MY ETERNAL INHERITANCE FROM MY FATHER.

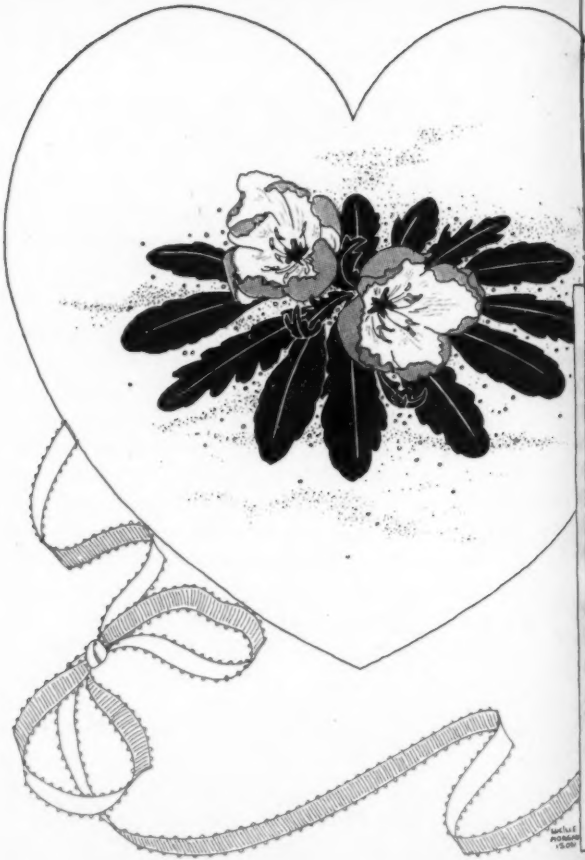
As a son of God I am created in His image and likeness. I am capable of expressing all the qualities of Spirit and of rising victoriously out of bondage and limitation.

My aspirations are holy, my mind is intelligent and responsive to spiritual things, my heart is filled with peace and serenity, my body is strong, pure, and immortal.

Holding to the perception of my destiny as a son of the Most High, I am transformed into God-likeness, reborn within and without. Even my affairs are permeated with the life and substance of Spirit, and they shape themselves to my blessing and God's eternal glory.

The same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead into omnipresent life is at work in me, quickening in me the realization that I too am divine and immortal. My mind, soul, and body are transformed and recreated after the image and likeness of God, my Father.

♣ *The* Lord *hath said unto me, Thou* art *my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*—Psalms 2:7 (A. V.).



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# Transformed by Love

**E. Guy Talbott**

Torrential rains that drench the burning sands
Do more than quench the desert's thirst for showers;
They form rich oases of fertile lands
And carpet them with glowing seas of flowers.
So will the barren heart respond when love
Descends and makes of it a fertile field
Enriched by the magic of the God of love,
Who slakes its thirst and gives abundant yield.

My heart has felt the rains of love that pour
Upon it, washing stains of loneliness
Away and making it a flowering moor;
A pleasant place no evil can transgress.
Transformed by love, life is no vain mirage:
It mirrors God, who is and ever was.

# *Friday* FEBRUARY 12

## I MEET TODAY WITH A GLAD SPIRIT, CONFIDENT OF THE BLESSINGS IT WILL BRING.

I BEGIN TODAY with the realization that it holds some rich blessing for me, some good that will make my heart rejoice. I am ready to accept everything that comes my way and to extract from each experience the lesson it would teach me. No sorrow or failure of the past can affect my joy and success today.

I do not look to tomorrow or some future time for my happiness. Only through the consciousness of joy and gladness that I build today will my future be happy. My life is enriched only as I live joyously in the present.

How I meet today's problems and opportunities, what I think, say, and do today will add to or detract from my future enjoyment of life. Therefore I will be glad today, for a glad heart creates a happy present and assures me a promising future.

The Christ Spirit of joy is with me as an aid to getting the most out of today. It fills my heart and overflows in the world around me, blessing all who come in touch with me.

♠ *Thou hast put gladness in my heart.*—PSALMS 4:7.

## RESTING IN THE EVERLASTING ARMS, I SLEEP PEACEFULLY.

FATHER, I thank Thee for sleep that is untroubled and peaceful. I thank Thee for the time of rest and renewal in which I am refreshed by Thy Spirit of love. In Thy presence my mind is cleansed of all distractions, my body relaxes, and my soul abides with Thee. I go to sleep realizing that I am infolded in Thy loving presence.

With the day that closes I leave behind me all unpleasant memories, worries, and everything that would retard my forward progress. With the new day that dawns, I welcome my new opportunities and go bravely to meet my good. I enter a new world with infinite possibilities.

Every night I let go of the cares of the day and draw near to Thee, O my Father. I relax wholly in Thine everlasting arms, and my sleep is sweet. I am sustained and blessed and made whole in Thee. I awake with joy and courage in my heart, because Thou art always with me.

*I laid me down and slept;*
*I awaked; for Jehovah sustaineth me.*
—PSALMS 3:5.

## THE LOVE OF GOD IS MADE PERFECT IN ME, AND I EXPRESS IT TOWARD EVERYONE.

BELOVED, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man hath beheld God at any time: if we love one another, God abideth in us, and his love is perfected in us: hereby we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. . . .

And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him. Herein is love made perfect with us . . . We love, because he first loved us . . . Hereby we know that we love the children of God.—*I John.*

♣ *If I . . . have not love, I am nothing.*—I COR. 13:2.

# *Consecration*

PRISCILLA DRENNEN

From out His heart of deepest love
  God fashioned everything:
The sun and moon and stars above,
  The brooks and birds that sing.

I see the imprint of His hand
  In every flowering bush,
In meadows green, and desert land,
  And evening's holy hush.

I feel His love in wind and rain;
  I hear it in a song
That rises up and falls again
  In echoes sweet and long.

I know His love within my heart,
  A joyous presence there,
That bids me work and do my part
  In service everywhere.

Dear Father, let no act of mine
  Impair this perfect day;
But let me show thy love divine
  To all in every way.

# *Monday*

FEBRUARY 15

## I TURN TO GOD ALWAYS FOR INSTRUCTION, AND HE REVEALS TO ME ALL THAT I NEED TO KNOW.

TODAY many persons are having to learn many kinds of work for which they have had no previous training. Much of this work is intricate and demands skill and concentration. Never was there a time when so much depended on knowing how to do a job right at the right time.

If you are a person engaged in some new vocation that seems difficult to learn, or if you are an executive who must make some momentous decision that will affect the lives of many others, remember that you can rely upon God to instruct you in all things and inspire you to make right decisions. No matter who you are, what your work is, or what new knowledge you have to master, God is ever present with you as your instructor. He watches over you continually. He inspires your every thought, guides every movement of your hands and body, and stands ever ready to give you loving counsel. Let God work through you to do your work perfectly and confidently.

♣ *I will instruct thee and teach thee.*—PSALMS 32:8.

# Tuesday

## MY LIFE IS HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD.

"IF I ASCEND up into heaven, thou art there: If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there."

The Psalmist knew that God is omnipresent, that His life, light, love, and power permeate all persons, places, and problems. "I am God, and there is none else."

No matter where you are, what challenges you have to meet, or what changes you undergo, you are never separated from God. In the depths of darkness and despair, even in death itself, God is with you, a guiding hand, a steadying influence, the assurance that you will come through safely and be resurrected in His love.

God is always with you and about you as your life, peace, joy, strength, and courage. Through Him you can and will triumph over every harrowing experience. You are not and cannot be hidden from God. The angel of His presence always attends you. It is your destiny to remain with God forever. Through His Christ in the midst of you you are forever held safe and secure.

♣ *Your life is hid with Christ in God.*—COL. 3:3.

# *Wednesday* FEBRUARY 17

## TODAY I AM OBEDIENT TO THE WILL OF GOD IN ALL THINGS.

WHEN WE pray for some blessing, we should not take the attitude that it may not be God's will for us to have it. We have the promise "All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

God's will for us is the fullness of good. Since God is God, it is utterly impossible for Him to create evil or bring evil upon us. Evil comes only through our opposition to God's will.

God's will for us is so much more joyous and complete than our own petty desires and short-sighted aims that it is always wise to pray, "Thy will be done." If we earnestly pray after this fashion and then leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Father, we shall be blessed beyond anything that we could ever conceive of or desire for ourselves.

God's will for us is abundant health, joy, wisdom, happiness, peace, and prosperity. It is His good pleasure to fill all our needs to overflowing.

♣ *I delight to do thy will, O my God.*—PSALMS 40:8.

# Thursday

## MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE FOR THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

I GIVE thanks unto Thee, O Father, that Thou hast ever walked the ways of the earth with me, that Thou hast been my constant companion, guide, and inspiration. I give thanks for Thy protecting presence ever with me, shielding me from harm, guarding me from present and future danger, keeping me upon the clear path of security and goodness that I am destined to travel.

In Thy holy presence, Father, I am peaceful and content. All doubt, worry, and fear drop from my mind like worn-out garments, and I am clothed with Thine eternal love, dominion, and fearlessness. Wherever I go, Thou art with me. Whatever I do, Thou art the power that sustains me and makes me successful.

For Thy goodness toward me, O Father, I cannot praise Thee enough! My soul shall forever rejoice in Thee. Thou hast bound me to Thee with cords of love, and I know that Thou wilt preserve me from everlasting to everlasting.

♣ *I will praise Thee, O* LORD, *with my whole heart . . . I will be glad and rejoice in thee.*—PSALMS 9:1, 2 (A. V.).

## THE PERFECTION OF JESUS CHRIST IS NOW COMING FORTH IN ME.

THERE is within me the perfect pattern of the Christ. Although it may be dimmed by intellectual reasoning, doubt, and disuse, it is continually present with me as the pattern of what I shall become when I awake in Christlikeness. "Lo, I am with you always."

As I turn within to the Christ and seek to express His perfection in every department of my being, I feel a great strength and peace and wholeness welling up within me. I am cleansed of all negation. My mind, body, and soul are purified and resurrected into newness of life.

The more I dwell in thought on my own perfection the more easily do I see the Christ pattern in all persons and the hand of God at work in all His creation.

I would hold fast to Thee, O Christ, until all my desires are lifted up and regenerated, until I am completely transformed in mind, soul, and body according to the divine pattern of Thy likeness in me.

♣ *I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with* beholding *thy form.*—PSALMS 17:15.

# *Today*

L. Gordon Wright

This day I face the light again
That shines eternally on men.
I here resolve that not my way
But Thine, O Lord, be mine today.
No more shall fear rule over me,
But faith shall guard me momently.

This day I turn from thoughts that blight
To glorious thoughts of peace and light.
And as the sun shines overhead
I thank God for my daily bread,
My chance to undo every wrong,
To make of life the perfect song.

God dwells in me and I in Him.
How can my path ever seem dim?
His love abounds in all I see.
His word uplifts and makes me free.
In all I do or think or say
I shall keep faith with Him today.

# *Class Thoughts*

TO BE USED FROM

## *February 20 to March 19*

The class thoughts on this page are composed by Charles Fillmore for the purpose of providing central ideas upon which Truth students everywhere may concentrate during the month. You are invited to use them with Silent Unity not only at the hours specified but whenever you have opportunity. We also urge you to join us constantly in the prayer for world peace.

At 11 a. m. use this thought for

*ILLUMINATION . . . I am conscious of Thine omniscience, and I make no mistakes.*

At 12 noon use this thought for

*PROSPERITY . . . Thine everliving Spirit substance rolls in golden splendor into my mind and into all my affairs.*

At 9 p. m. use this thought for

*HEALING . . . The glorious infusion of the "more abundant life" of Jesus Christ vitalizes me, and I am lifted up and healed.*

Use this prayer for world peace:

*PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a speedy victory in this world conflict, to be followed by a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.*

## I AM CONSCIOUS OF THINE OMNISCIENCE, AND I MAKE NO MISTAKES.

PERHAPS every one of us can say truthfully, "Yes, I have made many mistakes in my life, but I know better now." The trial-and-error method often does enrich our experience and increase our knowledge of life. But the lessons of experience do not always provide us a safeguard against future mistakes.

How then is it possible for us to avoid making mistakes? Simply by seeking the guidance of the one who is all wisdom: God, our Father.

If we are facing a problem that requires us to make a definite decision of some kind, perhaps we can draw upon our experience and make the right decision. But the only way we can be absolutely sure that our decision is right is to ask God to help us make it. His wisdom is ours to command, to the extent that we are receptive to it.

Before deciding upon any course of action let us stop a moment and repeat the prayer for today. God's wisdom will instantly show us the way to avoid mistakes.

• *Take fast hold of instruction.*—PROV. 4:13.

THINE EVERLASTING SPIRIT SUBSTANCE ROLLS IN GOLDEN SPLENDOR INTO MY MIND AND INTO ALL MY AFFAIRS.

NEW STUDENTS of Truth sometimes find it difficult to comprehend the idea of Spirit substance. Substance, they reason, implies something that can be seen, touched, tasted, or smelled. But Spirit substance is unformed: it is the intangible essence that permeates everything that has form, weight, or durability.

It is helpful to think of Spirit substance as the idea or ideas on which prosperity is founded. Perhaps we say that our money has value because of our faith in the integrity of our country. But even more than that, we can say it has value because it is a symbol or an idea of Spirit substance.

There is plenty of substance for all, for God is bountiful beyond all description. However it is up to us to realize and lay hold of His substance, to make of ourselves a channel through which it may become manifest in the form of money or other evidences of supply. God gives richly; let us receive richly.

♣ *I have also given thee . . . riches and honor.*—I KINGS 3:13.

## THE GLORIOUS INFUSION OF THE "MORE ABUNDANT LIFE" OF JESUS CHRIST VITALIZES ME, AND I AM LIFTED UP AND HEALED.

THE FULL significance of Jesus' sweeping statement "I came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly" becomes clear when we remember that He is the apostle of life. All through His ministry He taught that the great gift of God to us is life, life that is ever renewed, eternal.

The coming of Jesus Christ with His gospel of life may be likened to an infusion of divine life into the whole race of men. He brought an increased realization of life to all of us. When we are in need of better health, a more perfect manifestation of life, we can gain it through accepting Jesus' promise of life more abundant. He did not limit it to any particular class or sect. "They" in His promise includes you, your loved ones, your friends and neighbors, every human being on the earth.

Let the life of Jesus Christ lift you up this moment. Let His healing presence cleanse, heal, vitalize, energize you, and make you whole.

♠ *Ye may have life.*—JOHN 5:40.

## GOD IS IN COMMAND OF HIS WORLD, THEREFORE PEACE MUST PREVAIL.

WE SHOULD never doubt that God is still in command of His world. He has not forsaken it, and He never will. As long as the sun rises in a burst of glory and sets in golden splendor, as long as spring comes every year to cause the earth to blossom anew with His life and love, as long as His Spirit shines with undimmed glory from the hearts of millions of noble men and women, we cannot doubt that God is in command of His world.

Even though at times it may appear that the forces of darkness and evil have the upper hand, nothing can prevail against the almightiness of God. His law moves steadily and inexorably toward the establishment of universal love and peace, and everything opposed to Him must eventually be defeated and destroyed.

When you pray for world peace, remember that God is mightier than appearances and rejoice that His love and power are now made manifest. God is eternally in command of His world!

♣ *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah.*—PSALMS 22:27.

## I REJOICE IN THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS NO INJUSTICE IN GOD'S WORLD.

GOD IS A just and loving Father. He knows nothing of unfairness or injustice. He cannot give or receive offense. Regardless of present appearances in the world, He is equally just toward all.

Knowing that God is divine justice and that He is in command of His world, I rejoice that persons, things, and circumstances all contribute to my good. Everything that is truly mine comes to me; everything that is not my own finds its rightful possessor, and I am happy and satisfied.

"The judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you ye shall bring unto me, and I will hear it." I rest every cause of justice or injustice with the Father, knowing that He is wise, loving, just, and mighty to establish good for all.

God is the divine arbitrator in my life and world. His eternal Spirit of justice always secures me in that which is my own, and works through me constantly in loving thought, activity, and fair dealing toward others.

♣ *He is a God that judgeth in the earth.*—PSALMS 58:11 (A. V.).

## TODAY I CONSECRATE MY HEART, MIND, SOUL, AND BODY TO GOD.

TODAY I take a new hold on life by consecrating my whole being to God. If there has been aught in my heart against my brother, I release it and let it go. All the limiting, binding, unhappy thoughts that have governed my mind and destroyed my good are now displaced with thoughts of love, forgiveness, peace, joy, life, and abundance. I give my body to God, so that He may come into it and bless it with His holy presence. My soul is consecrated to the purpose of fulfilling its divine destiny.

I come to God in order to surrender all that is unlike Him and to receive His righteousness and power, so that my union with Him may be complete. I come to receive courage, stability, holiness, wisdom, and strength.

Cleansed, renewed, uplifted, and inspired, I go forth with the Father's benediction to do His bidding. My every thought, word, and act bears witness to my new spirit in God.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;*
*And renew a right spirit within me.*
—PSALMS 51:10.

# *The Stream of Life*

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SOMETIMES in the midst of our studies of Truth and while we are earnestly trying to do the best we can, there come times when life suddenly seems almost to have the best of us. Our problems seem to become too many and too complex. At such times we need to get a different slant on the whole setup.

At one such time in my life, when I very much needed to trade in my old viewpoint for a new one, I came upon this sentence: "Look on it (your life) as a stream, flowing, flowing between banks, growing richer, more fruitful, more peaceful, more beautiful as it widens." Suddenly I could see my life that way. I found the problems that then beset me losing their all-important aspect. I saw that I had progressed much further than I realized, that my life was richer and more beautiful. I saw that in time these problems would be worked out, leaving me more peaceful than ever before.

"The stream of life" is an old phrase, but it is one that can renew hope, courage, and faith in us if we learn to look beyond the problems and see the progress we are making, the good we shall inevitably achieve.

## DAILY I ACKNOWLEDGE GOD AS THE SOURCE OF ALL MY GOOD.

GOD IS my Father, and I am His child. Only through His goodness am I here in His good world. Only through His power in me can I fulfill His divine plan for my life. Only through me can He accomplish what He purposed when He gave me being.

Daily I acknowledge God as my source and my fulfillment. I do graciously and with gladness whatever God directs me to do. I think His inspired thoughts, speak His loving, encouraging words, move at His firm command, and serve wherever He is needed. I am joyously obedient to the will of God.

I count life as good and every experience as good. I rejoice in the realization that "God is good, and God is all." Every blessing of my life comes to me from my Father, and His blessings are infinite. Truly "my cup runneth over" with good things, and my heart is eternally joyful and grateful.

*Jehovah, Thou art my Lord:*
*I have no good beyond thee.*
—PSALMS 16:2.

## I WILL CONTINUALLY GLORIFY GOD, MY DELIVERER AND MY DELIVERANCE.

TODAY I bring to God all my burdens and anxieties, every little problem and care. It is wonderful to know that God, who is never weary nor discouraged, who is never anxious nor fearful nor uncertain, is beside me now, ready to assume my burdens and set me free.

In His care and keeping I place my loved ones, knowing that He watches over them with eternal vigilance and love. All worry and concern are now gone from my heart, because I know that God is unfailing and dependable.

I trust God wholly with everything in my life. No longer is my way dark nor my burden heavy, for God has delivered me. I have heard and obeyed His invitation "Come unto me," and my soul has received its rest.

I will continually glorify God, my deliverer and my deliverance. In Him I am strong, courageous, and free. In Him I am lighthearted, cheerful, confident, and joyous.

*Call upon me in the day of trouble:*
*I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.*
—PSALMS 50:15.

## THE LOVING-KINDNESS OF JEHOVAH BLESSES ME CONTINUALLY.

FATHER, I thank Thee that Thy loving-kindness is ever extended toward me. I witness it in Thy daily care, in the way Thou suppliest all my needs. I feel it in Thy repeated forgiveness, in the healing balm that is constantly flowing to me and through me, cleansing mind, body, and soul of all that is unlike Thee.

I rejoice in Thy loving-kindness, O Father. I come to Thee in gratefulness of spirit, ready and willing to accept Thy generous gifts of life, light, love, wisdom, and substance. I pray that I may be ever worthy of all that Thou bestowest on me, and that I may use Thy good to bless others as Thou hast blessed me.

Let me continually abide in the consciousness that Thou art my ever-present help, guide, and inspiration. Let me be so much in tune with Thee that I may receive fully and freely of all that Thou givest, and in turn send out Thy good for the blessing of mankind and to Thine eternal glory.

♣ *But as for me, in the abundance of thy lovingkindness will I come into thy house.*—PSALMS 5:7.

# Valentine Gifts for Children

A number of important days are commemorated in February, but perhaps to boys and girls Saint Valentine's Day tops them all. Here are some suggestions for valentine gifts that are sure to please any child 5 to 13 years old.

**Wee Wisdom** Unity's magazine for both boys and girls. From cover to cover it features things that they enjoy: lively stories, gay poems, pictures in color, puzzles, cutouts, interesting things to do and to make. A new copy each month makes it twelve valentine gifts in one. Because of its character-building qualities *Wee Wisdom* is heartily approved by parents as well as educators. A year's subscription (12 absorbing issues) is $1.

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# A Lenten Program to help you prepare yourself for the real spiritual experience of Easter

ALL down the ages man has been making a spiritual effort to realize conscious union with the Father. The disciples earnestly implored, "Lord, teach us to pray." During this Lenten season doubtless you too are asking Him to show you how to unify yourself with Him. The book TEACH US TO PRAY, by Charles and Cora Fillmore, will teach you the way. Along with thousands of other Truth students, use this book for your Lenten meditation. You will find it to be very helpful to your own spiritual unfoldment, and a real power for good will be generated by the united thought of those participating. During the Lenten season let your entire thought be toward greater understanding of prayer and of its use in your spiritual growth. Order TEACH US TO PRAY now, as Lent begins March 10. A copy of the booklet THE UNITY LENTEN PROGRAM will be sent you to be used in connection with the book. TEACH US TO PRAY is $1 for the clothbound copy and $2 for the flexible-bound copy.

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